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8. In response to his request, left with Mr. Lee Paden, in the office of Senator Henry Bellmon (R., Okla.), a copy of the China Atlas.
Internal Security Subcommittee, and returned to him the galley proofs of the bibliography of Soviet publications with corrections noted by
Representative William Scott (R., Va.), called concerning an inquiry from a constituent who had read a news story alleging that the Agency employs political assassination in Vietnam. The constituent expressed serious concern and urged the U.S. to refute the story. Mrs. Hope inquired as to whether the Agency had a prepared statement or fact sheet to respond to the allegation. I informed her of the Agency's policy not to confirm or deny allegations and that no fact sheet or statement had been prepared. I offered her further assistance in preparing her response. However, she stated she understood our position and would handle the matter herself accordingly.